### **Amendments to the Specification:**

# The Paragraph beginning at Page 1, lines 7-36, through to Page 3, lines 1-7 is to be amended as follows:

Various methods, systems and apparatus relating to the present invention are disclosed in the following co-pending applications filed by the applicant or assignee of the present invention simultaneously with the present application:

<u>10/815,647</u> HYG001US,	10/815,634HYG002US,	<u>10/815.632</u> HYG003US,
10/815.631HYG004US,	10/815,648HYG005US,	<u>10/815.641</u> HYG006US,
<u>10/815.645</u> HYG007US,	<u>10/815,646</u> HYG008US	<u>10/815.617</u> HYG009US,
10/815.620HYG010US,	<u>10/815,615</u> HYG011US,	<u>10/815,613</u> HYG012US,
<u>10/815.633</u> HYG013US,	10/815.616HYG015US,	<u>10/815,614HYG016US</u> ,
<u>10/815.621</u> HYC001US,	10/815.612HYC002US,	10/815,630HYC003US,
10/815.637HYC004US,	10/815.638HYC005US,	<u>10/815,640</u> HYC006US,
<u>10/815,642</u> HYC007US,	10/815.643HYC008US,	10/815,644HYC009US
10/815,618HYC010US,	10/815,639HYC011US,	<u>10/815.609</u> HYT001US,
<u>10/815,627</u> HYT002US,	<u>10/815,626</u> HYT003US,	<u>10/815,610</u> HYT004US
<u>10/815.611</u> HYT005US,	10/815,623HYT006US,	<u>10/815,622</u> HYT007US,
<u>10/815.629</u> HYT008US,	10/815,625IRA001US,	10/815,624IRA002US,
10/815.628IRA003US,	10/815,636HYJ001US,	10/815,649HYJ002US,
<u>10/815,635</u> HYD001US	•	

The disclosures of these co-pending applications are incorporated herein by cross-reference. Each application is temporarily identified by its docket number. This will be replaced by the corresponding USSN when available.

#### **CROSS-REFERENCES**

Various methods, systems and apparatus relating to the present invention are disclosed in the following co-pending applications filed by the applicant or assignee of the present invention. The disclosures of all of these co-pending applications and granted patents are incorporated herein by cross-reference.

09/575,159	09/575,132	09/575,123	09/575,148	09/575,130	
09/575,165	09/575,153	09/693,415	09/575,118	09/609,139	
09/608,970	09/575,116	09/575,144	09/575,139	09/575,186	
09/575,185	09/609,039	09/663,579	09/663,599	09/607,852	
09/575,191	09/693,219	09/575,145	09/607,656	09/693,280	
09/609/132	09/693,515	09/663,701	09/575,192	09/663,640	
09/609,303	09/610,095	09/609,596	09/693,705	09/693,647	
09/721,895	09/721,894	09/607,843	09/693,690	09/607,605	
09/608,178	09/609,553	09/609,233	09/609,149	09/608,022	
09/575,181	09/722,174	09/721,896	10/291,522	10/291,517	
10/291,523	10/291,471	10/291,470	10/291,819	10/291,481	
10/291,509	10/291,825	10/291,519	10/291,575	10/291,557	
10/291,661	10/291,558	10/291,587	10/291,818	10/291,576	
10/291,589	10/291,526	6,644,545	6,609,653	6,651,879	
10/291,555	10/291,510	19/291,592	10/291,542	10/291,820	
10/291,516	10/291,363	10/291,487	10/291,520	10/291,521	
10/291,556	10/291,821	10/291,525	10/291,586	10/291,822	
10/291,524	10/291,553	10/291,511	10/291,585	10/291,374	
10/685,523	10/685,583	10/685,455	10/685,584	10/757,600NF	A133US
09/575,193	09/575,156	09/609,232	09/607,844	09/607,657	
09/693,593	<u>10/743,671</u> NPB008US		09/928,055	09/927,684	09/928,108
09/927,685	09/927,809	09/575,183	09/575,160	09/575,150	
09/575,169	6,644,642	6,502,614	6,622,999	09/575,149	
10/322,450	6,549,935	NPN004US	09/575,187	09/575,155	
6,591,884	6,439,706	09/575,196	09/575,198	09/722,148	
09/722,146	09/721,861	6,290,349	6,428,155	09/575,146	
09/608,920	09/721,892	09/722,171	09/721,858	09/722,142	
10/171,987	10/202,021	10/291,724	10/291,512	10/291,554	
10/659,027	10/659,026	09/693,301	09/575,174	09/575,163	
09/693,216	09/693,341	09/693,473	09/722,087	09/722,141	
09/722,175	09/722,147	09/575,168	09/722,172	09/693,514	
09/721,893	09/722,088	10/291,578	10/291,823	10/291,560	
10/291,366	10/291,503	10/291,469	10/274,817	09/575,154	
09/575,129	09/575,124	09/575,188	09/721,862	10/120,441	

10/291,577	10/291,718	10/291,719	10/291,543	10/291,494
10/292,608	10/291,715	10/291,559	10/291,660	10/409,864
10/309,358	10/410,484	10/683,151	10/683,040	09/575,189
09/575,162	09/575,172	09/575,170	09/575,171	09/575,161
10/291,716	10/291,547	10/291,538	10/291,717	10/291,827
10/291,548	10/291,714	10/291,544	10/291,541	10/291,584
10/291,579	10/291,824	10/291,713	10/291,545	10/291,546
09/693,388	09/693,704	09/693,510	09/693,336	09/693,335
10/181,496	10/274,119	10/309,185	10/309,066	10/778,090NPW014US
<u>10/778,056</u> NPS047US		<u>10/778,058</u> NPS048US		10/778,060NPS049US
<u>10/778,059</u> NPS050US		<u>10/778,063</u> NPS051US		
<u>10/778,062</u> NPS052US		<u>10/778,061</u> NPS053US		<u>10/778,057NPS054US</u>
<u>10/782,894NPS045US</u>		<u>10/782,895</u> NPS046US		
10/786,631N	PT037US	<u>10/793,933</u> NPA138US		<u>10/804,034</u> NPA136US

Some application has been listed by docket numbers, these will be replace when application number are known.

# The Paragraph beginning at Page 40, lines 23-29, is to be amended as follows:

## The Paragraph beginning at Page 45, lines 5-7, is to be amended as follows:

Figure 54 shows the logical layout of another alternative hexagonal tag. This tag design is described in detail in the present applicants' co-pending US application USSN

10/786.631 — entitled "Symmetric Tags" (docket number NPT037US).